GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:348
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2004
TRAIN ACCIDENTS
Singh Shri Kirti Vardhan

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of train accidents held since July, 2004, till date in the country along the causes of each accident;

(b) the loss of railway properties and the number of persons killed/injured as a result of these accidents, accident-wise;

(c) the compensation paid to the relatives of those killed and to the injured, accident-wise;

(d) whether any inquiry has been conducted by the Government in this regard;

(e) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken thereon, accident-wise; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to stop such accidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (f): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 348 ASKED BY SHR KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.12.2004 REGARDING TRAIN ACCIDENTS:

(a) to (e): 65 Consequential train accidents took place on Indian Railways from July 2004 to October 2004, out of which 4 were Collisions, 39 derailments, 18 unmanned level crossing accidents, 1 manned level crossing accident, 2 fire accidents and 1 miscellaneous accident. 6 accidents have been enquired into by the Commission of Railway Safety and rest 59 accidents have been enquired into by departmental enquiry committees and appropriate actions are taken.

These accidents led to unfortunate death of 29 persons and injury to 65 persons, and resulted into loss of Railway property amounting to Rs. 10.64 Crores. No compensation has so far been paid in these cases.

Causes of the above 65 accidents have been as under:

S. No.	Cause of Accident	No. of Accidents.
1.	Failure of Railway staff	38
2.	Failure of other than Railway staff	22
3.	Sabotage	1
4.	Incidental	4
5.	Total	65

(All figures are provisional)

(f): Safety is the prime concern on Indian Railways and all possible steps are undertaken to prevent accidents. These measures include adoption of suitable and modern technologies for interlocking and signaling system, upgradation of standards of track and rolling stock, modernization of maintenance practices, replacement of over aged assets, upgradation of training aids like simulators, checks on observance of safety precaution and provision of Anti Collision Device. A Corporate Safety Plan (2003-2013) has also been prepared and is followed.